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1. In late June 1952, German labor details constructed antitank ditches in the border area near Abbenrode. The Abbenrode-Lochtum road was torn up behind the 10-meter stripe and was blocked by a ditch; 2 meters deep and 4 meters wide. The Muelperode-Miedelah and Goeddeckenrode-Isingerode roads were also torn up along the 10-meter stripe. Antitank ditches were constructed in the border areas of Luettenrode, Muelperode, Goeddeckenrode and Rhoden on 23 and 24 June 1952.
  2. Trucks carrying Soviet soldiers were repeatedly seen in the border villages of Luettenrode, Stoeterlingen and Schauen during the period from 16 to 22 June 1952. The Soviet soldiers allegedly belonged to details stationed in Stapelburg and Ilsenburg from where they were trucked to places along the zonal border for border patrol duty. A special detail consisting of six officers and a small number of Soviet soldiers which was quartered in Burg was stationed in Luettenrode.
  3. On 29 and 30 June 1952, General Chuikov allegedly inspected the border work in the area of Sonneberg, particularly near Heubisch and Muppberg. The general expressed dissatisfaction at the work.
  4. In early July 1952,                      the Volkspolizei units stationed in the border area were reinforced about 100 percent. The reinforcements allegedly came from HVA units and schools.\*
- 25X1            Comment. A number of officers and NCOs was transferred from the HVA to the border police in January 1952. Recent reports indicate that a number of newly enlisted Volkspolizei recruits was assigned to the border police. No accurate figures are available, however.

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